

[APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CLEAN- ING ELECTRONIC ARTICLES]

Abstract

A cleaning apparatus (20, 200) that includes a conductive path (84, 208, 212) from an article (24, 216) being cleaned to a ground (88, 220). The conductive path allows a static electrical charge present on the article to be drawn off the article so as to reduce the likelihood the article will be damaged by the static electrical charge. In one embodiment, the electrical path includes an electrically conductive brush (36). In another embodiment, the electrical path includes at least one contact (224, 228) spaced from a cleaning member.